

producing tobacco products, is a manufacturer of tobacco products; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 4135. A bill to permit United States companies to participate in the exploration for and the extraction of hydrocarbon resources from any portion of a foreign maritime exclusive economic zone that is contiguous to the exclusive economic zone of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUCHON, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. CANSECO, Mr. TERRY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, and Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia):

H.R. 4136. A bill to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 4137. A bill to make permanent the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided educational assistance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 4138. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to create a National Neuromyelitis Optica Consortium to provide grants and coordinate research with respect to the causes of, and risk factors associated with, neuromyelitis optica, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 4139. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend permanently the 100 percent exclusion of gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4140. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the time limitation for use of eligibility and entitlement to educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. BASS of California):

H.R. 4141. A bill to direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to take appropriate actions to improve the nutritional quality, quality control, and cost effectiveness of United States food assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUNYAN:

H.R. 4142. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for sur-

vivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL):

H.R. 4143. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the period during which transfers of excess pension assets may be made to retiree health accounts and to provide for the transfer of such assets to retiree group term life insurance accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 4132.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, the power to regulate interstate activity.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H.R. 4133.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, the power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations" and pursuant to Article I, Section 8, clause 1, the power to "provide for the common Defence."

By Mrs. BLACK:

H.R. 4134.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution; whereby the Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Furthermore, this bill makes specific changes to existing law, in accordance with Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution; whereby the Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. FLAKE:

H.R. 4135.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, which gives Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations," and Clause 18, "to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers."

By Mr. GARDNER:

H.R. 4136.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2.

By Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 4137.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. LEE of California:

H.R. 4138.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California:

H.R. 4139.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The amendment to the Internal Revenue Code to extend permanently the 100 percent exclusion of gain from the sale or exchange of qualified small business stock is authorized by Article 1 Section 8 to Lay and collect taxes.

By Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut:

H.R. 4140.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PAYNE:

H.R. 4141.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Commerce Clause, Article I Section 8 Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States, grants Congress the power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes".

By Mr. RUNYAN:

H.R. 4142.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. TIBERI:

H.R. 4143.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 7 of the United States Constitution which provides that "All bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives."

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 12: Mrs. MALONEY.

H.R. 85: Mr. CLARKE of Michigan.

H.R. 178: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 303: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio and Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 409: Mr. LATHAM, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. TERRY.

H.R. 436: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.R. 451: Mr. KISSELL.

H.R. 452: Mr. ROSS of Arkansas, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. CARNAHAN.

H.R. 512: Mr. HINOJOSA.

H.R. 546: Mr. SCHILLING.

H.R. 605: Mr. MARINO and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.

H.R. 664: Mr. LATHAM.

H.R. 708: Mr. YODER.

H.R. 733: Mr. BROUN of Georgia.

H.R. 750: Mr. QUAYLE.

H.R. 854: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 860: Mr. BOREN.

H.R. 890: Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. FALCOMA VAE GA.

H.R. 931: Mr. FARENTHOLD and Mr. HALL.

H.R. 972: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 978: Mr. FORTENBERRY.

H.R. 979: Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. JONES.

H.R. 998: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 1057: Mr. HINOJOSA.